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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

HUNGARIAN ULTIMATUM AND DECREE.

LONDON, March 31.
Bale hears from Weimar that there is an unconfirmed report to the effect that the Hungarian government sent a short term ultimatum to the Czechoslovak state, owing to a concentration of troops in Czechoslovakia and to the rumoured forthcoming general mobilisation of Bohemia.
Copenhagen learns that the Budapest government has issued a decree forbidding anyone to leave the country. Those attempting to escape will be brought before a revolutionary tribunal. The decree says that all rights of foreigners must be absolutely respected. The persons of foreign diplomats and the flags designating the residences of foreigners are inviolable under penalty of death.

THE SILVER MARKET.

SINGAPORE, April 2.
On March 25 in the *Gazette* the Treasury announces that the maximum price of silver bullion sold in the United Kingdom will be such price as is equivalent at the current rate of exchange to 95 cents per standard ounce.

FAR EASTERN CABLENEWS

(BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS")

CHINESE FORCE TO PROCEED TO THE NORTHERN FRONTIERS.

PEKING, April 3.
Arrangements are proceeding for the dispatch of several Divisions of the National Defence Army to the Northern Frontiers.
One will observe Col. Semenov's movement for the formation of an Independent State, which will possibly affect Mongolia, a second Army will guard the Ugra-Khachia line against Bolshevik intrusion.

"ANTILOCHUS" NOT DUE FOR TEN DAYS YET.

DEPARTURE POSTPONED.

The sailing of the str. *Antiochus* from Shanghai has been postponed until April 10. No reason was stated other than that by delaying departure there is a possibility that the passenger list may be increased by another hundred enemy subjects, and among other reasons it might be stated that the question of the medical staffing of the ship has not yet been settled.

General Lu as director of enemy repatriation from this province, has firmly adhered to the original Peking proclamation which exempted all enemy doctors as a class, and some time ago he is said to have hinted that as the German doctors could not be sent according to the letter of the proclamation, it was for the Allies to send Allied doctors to attend the home-going enemy subjects. When it was pointed out to him that there was such a scarcity of Allied doctors in China that none could be spared, even if they would accept the service, he replied with the quaint suggestion that the difficulty could be solved by sending Chinese doctors, of which none, however, could be found possessing the required qualifications.

Exactly what is to be done to solve the doctor problem cannot be stated, and in the meantime leading German doctors of Shanghai are remaining in Chinese territory.
Eighty enemy subjects from Tientsin and Shanghai, 20 from Peking, and 17 from Kuling, were expected to reach Shanghai on March 29. Including these the *Antiochus* passengers, as the list now stands, will number no more than 425. There are still small groups of enemies to arrive from Shantung, Hunan, Honan, Szechuan, and other outlying provinces; these should have come in weeks ago and it is believed there are at least 100 who may reach Shanghai before the proposed sailing date, April 10.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

PARIS CONFERENCE.

Paris, March 30th.
The Council of Four is methodically working. They meet twice daily, and though the utmost reserve is maintained in regard to the outcome of their deliberations, it seems certain that a certain amount of war material and equipment will be sent to Rumania, in view of the military measures necessitated by the establishment of Bolshevik rule at Budapest.

GERMANS TO BE CALLED IN AFTER EASTER.

Paris, March 30th.
It is semi-officially stated that M. Dutasta, the Secretary-General of the Peace Conference, visited Versailles this afternoon in order to arrange for the holding of the Congress for Peace Preliminaries.
As soon as the great Powers have finally decided the text of the Preliminary Treaty, the German plenipotentiaries, headed by Count Brockdorff von Rantzenau, will be summoned to Versailles. About 500 Germans altogether are expected. They will be lodged in the Town Hall. Preparations for their installation will occupy at least three weeks, so the Congress cannot well open until after Easter.

GERMAN BOLSHIEVISTI A MILITARIST PLANT.

LONDON, March 31st.
The *Daily News* Paris correspondent states that an official investigator, whom the British Government employed during the war has returned to Paris from Germany and presented a report to the Delegates.
He regards seriously the coquetting of the Germans with Bolshevism and says that it is the last desperate venture of the militarists, who hope that if Germany goes Bolshevik, she will drag the world down with her. He expresses the opinion that many of the disorders attributed to the Spartacists were really originated by the militarists and that a change in the Government is necessary to break the power of the militarists. He forebodes a coalition of the Independent and Majority Socialists and the middle class pacifists.

GERMAN TRADE.

COPENHAGEN, March 31st.
In order to assist Germany to obtain credit from neutral countries and purchase foodstuffs, Marshal Foch telegraphed from Spa, intimating that Germany would be allowed to negotiate with neutral firms, subject to approval of the Supreme War Council was obtained.
German semi-official newspapers demand the abolition of this condition, declaring that Germany's trade must be entirely free.

AN ARREST.

A telegram from Berlin, dated March 31st, states that the Independent Socialist, Herr Daeumig, the second President of the Greater Berlin Executive Council, has been arrested on suspicion of being the ringleader of the January disturbances.

LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, March 31st.
It is now believed doubtful whether Mr. Lloyd George will attend the next sitting of the British Industrial Conference, to be held on April 4th. The Premier may remain in Paris where the Preliminary Peace agreement is being delayed by the German attitude towards the Danzig question, and problems connected with the line of demarcation of the Rhine provinces.

FRANCE AND THE SAAR BASIN.

Paris, March 31st.
The reports of the late recession, the difficulty arises from France's desire to annex the Saar basin, which the British and American delegates oppose. There has been much discussion touching the guarantee which France will receive against German aggression in the event of non-annexation.

SOVIET DOINGS.

COPENHAGEN, March 31st.
A message from Berlin states that reports were circulating in Berlin that the Hungarian and Russian Soviet Governments had offered to conclude an alliance with Germany. Enquiry evoked a semi-official statement that nothing was officially known of such offers.

FEAR OF FRENCH OCCUPATION.

VIENNA, March 30th.
The railwaymen decided to resume work at twelve to-night, owing to German-Austrian having food for only three days.
It was stated in Vienna that one reason for the cessation of the railway strike was that it might be made a pretext for the occupation of German-Austria by large bodies of French troops, which it was believed, would be despatched against Hungary and the Russian Bolsheviks.

EGYPT.

LONDON, March 31st.
In the House of Commons, in reply to a question, Major Wedgwood stated that an enquiry would be instituted into the cause of the recent outbreak in Egypt at the earliest possible date, but law and order must first be restored.

LOMBARDY.

Paris, March 30th.
General Henry is about to leave Paris for Poland, where he will take command of the Allied forces.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

Paris, March 30th.
The Chamber of Deputies, after an all-night sitting, rejected, by 369 votes to 151, the motion of the Socialists, M. Renaudie for the reduction of military credits to £250,000,000 for the second quarter of 1919, thereby giving a vote of confidence in the Government, which M. Pichon and M. Abrial, the Under-Secretary for War, asked for.
M. Abrial declared that the French forces in Russia were as small as it was possible. The Government did not wish to send an expedition to Russia, and not another man would be sent there. The Allied policy with regard to Russia was to lend all possible assistance against Bolshevism, in food, clothing, stores, etc. to Poland, Rumania, and the Baltic States.

RUMANIA'S NEEDS.

LONDON, March 31st.
Reuter learns that the Government have arranged to export credits with Rumania for the purchase of immediate necessities, especially railway material. Complete equipment for 150,000 men will also be sent.

PARLEY WITH LENIN.

LONDON, March 31st.
It is rumoured in Paris that the *Entente* Powers are opening fresh negotiations with M. Lenin.

WESTERN UKRAINE IS PRO-ALLIES.

BRUSSELS, March 30th.
The Government of the Western Ukraine has notified Paris that they acquiesce in the wishes of the *Entente*.

A JOURNALISTIC SCOOP.

LONDON, March 31st.
Mr. Harold Egbie, writing to the *Daily Chronicle*, from Amerongen, claims to have been admitted to an intimate interview with the ex-Kaiser. He says that Count Benckendorff is not an old friend of the ex-Kaiser, whom he received to oblige the Dutch Government.

The ex-Kaiser is not, by any means, a broken man. He is still full of energy, though his hair has turned white. But he has abandoned golfing and wood-chopping, and his sole open-air exercise now consists of a half-hour walk round the moat.

At other times, he remains in his room reading to the Empress, while she is busy with her needlework, and writing his autobiography.
The ex-Kaiser frequently expresses appreciation of the religious atmosphere of the Castle and does not fear a public trial. He anticipates spending a peaceful retirement in Germany.

MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

LONDON, March 31st.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking on the Military Service Bill, said that the cost, in 1919, for the Army of Occupation, was estimated at £135,000,000, after deducting £70,000,000 which could be recovered from Germany. It was expected to recover by salvage an amount two or three times greater than the cost of the Armies of Occupation for the current year.

THE "SHOULDERS" CORRIDOR.

OF FLAME.
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THE DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS.

The distribution of troops would be approximately as follows:—In Great Britain, 175,000; France, 120,000; in the Rhine, 250,000; in Italy and the adjacent regions, 200,000.

JUGO-SLAV DIFFERENCES.

The presence of troops in the last-mentioned areas was due to the request of both parties, we order to adjust lamentable differences between Italy and the Jugos. Slaves and prevent troubles between the local populations in those places where the troops of no other nation would be welcome. There were no troops anywhere engaged in a more mercurial or beneficial manner.

THE MIDDLE CAUCASUS AND MESOPOTAMIA.

In the Middle Caucasus there were 75,000 troops which, it was hoped, would be soon substantially reduced. They were retained at present merely to prevent uprisings, until decisions had been reached at the Peace Conference.

AUSTRALIAN FIRMS SPURN NEW YORK GERMANS.

MELBOURNE, March 21st.
Two leading Australian firms, manufacturing chemists, received requests from a New York German firm for a supply of raw materials, which were promptly and emphatically refused.

BELGIANS OCCUPY DUSSELDORF HARBOR.

COPENHAGEN, March 30th.
The *Vossische Zeitung* reports that fifty Belgian troops occupied Dusseldorf harbor, the *Entente* explaining that the occupation of the harbours on the right bank was essential to the protection of Rhine traffic.

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etc., etc.Teak extension dining table & chairs,
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efficient had been the work of the

Patrol, and such a terror had it be-

come to the German submarine com-

manders, that very few had lately

attempted the dangerous experiment

of passing the Dover barrage, with

the result that the anti-submarine

flotillas further down Channel were

complaining that there were no

"Fritzes" left for them to tackle.

Earlier in the history of cross-

Channel escort work, however, and

before the Dover Patrol had succeed-

ed in so thoroughly closing that end

of the Channel to enemy submarines,

there was a different story to tell,

and many exciting encounters be-

tween them and our submarine hun-

ters occurred. Some of the more

spectacular and dramatic of these

have already been described in the

Press, but there have been numerous

others which are worthy of record

even though they might not have

resulted in every instance in the

destruction of the submarine.

If the commanding officers of any

of our anti-submarine craft had been

selected and questioned haphazard,

the chances are at least five to one

against any particular one of them

having seen a German submarine

prior to the recent wholesale sur-

render of U-boats. Various estimates

have been given of the number of

vessels engaged in the hunting and

destruction of submarines, and also

as to the total number of German sub-

marines that have been built; some

of these estimates were undoubtedly

inaccurate, especially upon the latter

score, but two thousand appears to

have been not an over-estimate for

the former. As regards the total num-

ber of submarines that ever put to sea,

we were informed by the Admiralty

that it was definitely known a few

months ago that 150 had been des-

troyed, while over 100 have been

sundered. It seems certain, there-

fore, that the total number construct-

ed did not exceed 400, and of these

probably no more than 30 to 40 were

ever at sea at the same time. Al-

though it is practically impossible to

work out from these figures any mat-

hematical of theory probabilities as

regards the chances of any particular

vessel sighting an enemy submarine,

it would certainly appear that those

chances have been not less than five

to one, and quite probably a good

deal more.

Now in quite a large number of

cases where submarines have been

destroyed, the sighting of the quarry

has been a matter of pure chance.

Thus, in one particular case, a patrol

vessel had a new commanding officer

appointed to her; she had frequently

been scouring the seas for the enemy

whilst she retained her old com-

mander, but always without success.

Within a few hours of the new

commander taking her to sea, a

German submarine obligingly

came to the surface 'not half a

mile distant, and almost directly in

her course. At a speed of 25 knots

the intervening distance was covered

in something under a minute, much

too short a time for Fritz to disappear

again, with the result that the special

razor-like stem of the patrol boat cut

an enormous rent in the U-boat,

causing her to founder immediately.

Thus was it that prize money, and a

much coveted decoration came to the

commander of that vessel, before he

had had time to walk round his ship.

On another occasion a special

patrol vessel had a very unusual

experience. In the course of covering

the "square of sea" allotted to him

for patrol duties, a vivid green light

was seen several miles away, it being

dark at the time. A challenging

flash produced no response in the

way of recognition signals, so the

patrol vessel was brought nearer, and

cautiously steered around the strange

light in order to defeat any U-boat

ruses. When near enough to see the

cause of the phenomenon, the bow of

a submarine was discovered standing

up at such an angle that it was obvious

she was in a condition of consider-

able and unusual "trim," whilst the

stern portions were completely sub-

merged. Hanging on to the exposed

parts of the bow were several men,

who soon disclosed their identity as

German by their shout of "Kamerad,"

but even this unexpected state of

affairs might have been a new sub-

marine ruse for accomplishing the

destruction of the speedy warship

which the U-boat had found to be

her arch-enemy, so the commander

wisely held off at some little dis-

tance, and despatched a boat to the

scene. This took off some eight or

nine men, from whom it was learned

that the U-boat had been engaged in

minelaying, when her stern was

damaged either by the premature

explosion of one of them or else by

striking a British mine; the damage

was too great for them to make good

even by pumping out all her ballast

and trimming tanks, and as these

men saw the vessel was likely, to

founder, they escaped through the

forward torpedo tubes. It was found

impossible to tow the submarine to

port, and as it was distinctly unwise

to run any risk of her getting away

she was thoroughly "depth charged"

to make certain that she was to be

numbered among the "disposed-ofs."

It is a matter worthy of notice

that since the enemy adopted his

policy of unrestricted submarine war-

fare, very few submarines have been

destroyed by gun fire. This is not

altogether remarkable, seeing that

on the surface the average submarine

is no match for the average patrol

vessel, even though her armament

might be equally powerful. It is

however somewhat remarkable that

in pre-war days, when the possibilities

of submarines were beginning to be

understood, offence against them

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1919.

HONGKONG.

A young Filipino student quoted recently in the papers described Hongkong as "a god-forsaken place." Youth is like that, limited as to means of expression, hasty as to impressions, and insouciantly unjust. What he meant is not quite clear, but the content of his observations showed that he thought Hongkong ugly. And he has probably seen Manila. How amazing!

Hongkong is a charming place, really. One must have known many other cities to realize it, perhaps. One must have memories and an eye. Paris, London, Marseilles, Oxford, Birmingham, Perth, Sydney, Adelaide, Bath, Genoa, Capetown, Hobart, Rome, Madrid, San Francisco, New Orleans—these and all those countless others help us to realize Hongkong's peculiar charm. There is a something about Hongkong, a *je-ne-sais-quoi*, that makes it different. And yet it resembles some place. It awakens a remote memory. It... But of course. That's it. It is the Dream City of our childhood.

"Pilgrim's Progress" and the German fairy tale books had bits of Hongkong in them, and imagination supplied the rest. It was a city on a hill, of course, and tier upon tier rose the buildings, with dome and spire and turret leading the eye interminably to further vistas of architecture. Down below where the little soul wandered, the streets were narrow and dark and cloistered, avenues of mystery and byways to Romance. "Magic casements" opened everywhere, and the "Genii of Aladdin" was as imminent as a thunder storm. You have been there? Yes?

Hongkong's buildings are high, but they look higher than they are. To stroll between them is rather like walking down those endless picture galleries at Versailles. One comes to the corner of a block and is there confronted with a picture, a vignette of the sea, perhaps, with junk, sails, such as one gets unexpectedly from

the corner where the clock-tower used to be, or a glimpse of the Peak, dreaming in a glamour of mist, or of the mountains of the New Territory, seen through a coloured atmosphere, a vision of the Delectable Land at Rainbow's End, which none of us ever reaches, and wouldn't admire if we did. Or it is a wonderful bit of perspective such as one sees to the right, after climbing past the Flower Market, a switchback street that is always aswarm with native life and movement.

Here and there, too, are charming flower, bowery, arbutaceous bits that compel forgetfulness of the fact that we are in a dollar-chasing hive of industry. Our young Filipino friend must have missed them. There is Glenalee, of course—not the perfectly beautiful thing it used to be a dozen years ago, but still an oasis. And there is that adorable bank opposite the banks, a bank richer than the others all added together. A week ago or so it blushed rosily with a flower we don't know the name of, and was as well worth seeing as a beech wood at Home in hyacinth time, or as the poppies in the growing corn. It is the bank that holds up what they call Battery Path, and a few days ago an event happened there which none of the papers reported, which just shows (as we used to say in the nursery) that they don't know what news is.

The ginger bloomed, and we didn't know of it till the second day when its glory was a little tarnished. Chestnut Sunday at Home has no better excuse than Ginger Day at Hongkong. There doesn't seem to be as much of it as there used to be, but perhaps the lapse of time and a trick of memory misleads us here. If the Japanese invasion goes on and on, and Hongkong becomes Japanese *de facto* if not *de jure*, Ginger Day no doubt will be observed as Cherry Blossom and Plum Blossom time are honoured in their artistic land.

Even in its architecture Hongkong is beautiful. The truth is that there is so much architectural beauty that we don't see it. The attention is bewildered, confused, unfocused. Those verandahs everywhere, with their multiplicity of arches present a striking *chiaroscuro*, especially when sunshine paints the facades.

And then the crowds, the cosmopolitan crowds, dominated by the cheery coolies. These fellows whom you would expect to be unhappy, even surly, are so gay. You never see that desperate, avid look that you see on the street hawk's face at Home, that anxiety which forces you to buy what you do not want. These men solicit your patronage as if they didn't care whether you employed them or not. "Sho" or "Chay" they cry, with jackdaw repetitions, and they grin. Such story-telling faces they have,

too, now that the pigtail is gone, and the hair no longer shaved to a uniform pattern. Solentid fellows. Whosoever says that Hongkong is not a city of enchantment, of mystery, of beauty, of varied and constant interest, doesn't know what he is talking about.

UNPROFITABLE Musing.

"Have you never felt when you have been swept into the interaction of some group of persons that you were being employed as a part of a figure that without you would be incomplete"? Thus Hugh Walpole, in the new novel reviewed yesterday. Something like that must be a common experience among those who do not abide always in one place. To stand contemplatively at Ludgate Hill, say, watching the traffic; eyes of passing strangers catch yours for a moment, you are, in the picture, and of it: to cross the seas, and dwell for years amid other crowds, forgetting that eternal stream of people: to go back and stand once more at the same corner—haven't you done all that? Did not the thought occur to you that that crowd had been so pouring by, day after day, year after year, without you? And then the doubt—how could it? Was it perhaps not real, a mere subjective illusion? And then the shrug, the pull-yourself-together-man reflection that in 1898 you *did* actually see it, that your intervening experience was all real, and that now in 1918 (say) it must be real. Yes. Even Englishmen have these odd mental twists. Kipling must have had the feeling, or he could never have imagined "Kim". An English schoolmaster in Malaya used to play with the idea that the only objective reality was in front of him; that if he could turn round quickly enough he would find vacuum. Even his own back was non-existent. Quite so. It is all very silly. Let's talk of something else.

MR. LANDALE.

The Hon. Mr. David Landale, the *taipan* of "Evo," is reported to be retiring almost immediately. Mr. J. Johnstone is coming from Shanghai to take his place. Mr. Landale also came here from Shanghai, and has had altogether about thirty years with "the princely House" of Jardine Matheson. It is understood he is going Home, and will not return to the East. Although we have had to disagree with his views on the regulation of our street traffic, and to find serious fault with him as a critic of journalism (about which we claim to know more than he does) we share the popular opinion that he is a good chap and that he thoroughly deserves his luck. We wish him all happiness on his retirement.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 2 15-16d.

To-day's return of communicable disease is a blank.

Seven coolies were dismissed with a caution by Mr. Lindell this morning for gambling outside 20 Gedge Street yesterday afternoon.

Charged with keeping a disorderly house, a Chinese woman was remanded in the small Police Court this morning, in order that she could bring evidence of her respectability.

Captain and Quartermaster S. H. Cleall, Royal Irish Fusiliers, has been transferred to the Royal Air Force. As a warrant officer in Hongkong about four years ago, Captain Cleall was in charge of the Military Detention Barracks.

Last summer the Police Reserve organised a Marathon Race. What about another this year? It is suggested to those who may organise it that they should not leave it till the weather gets too hot. The day was far too hot on the last occasion.

"The Stunts" who were to have had the use of the stage for rehearsals of "Our Boys" to-morrow, have kindly conceded it to Pinkie's very last party, which will take place at popular prices (\$2.00, \$1.00, 50 cts.) that evening at 9.15 p.m. This will constitute the phenomenal "run" of ten performances.

A Chinese who had recently returned from New York was charged before Mr. Lindell with having fifty rounds of ammunition in his possession. The defendant told Mr. Lindell that he was very "perplexed" to know what to do with it as it was against the law. Mr. Lindell explained that the Police would be very pleased to take it from him as well as a fine of \$10 for having it in his possession.

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BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB CUP.

FINAL WON BY No. 2 Co., H.K.P.R.

At the Soldiers' Club last night, the final match in the Soldiers' Club tournament for the season was concluded. The Hongkong Defence Corps and No. 2 Co., H.K.P.R. had qualified to meet in the final. On Tuesday night, the match started and each team won one game. Mr. Guimaraes defeated Mr. Morgan rather heavily, by 58 points, despite a break of 31 by the latter. The Defence Corps won the next game, Mr. Jenkins getting the better of Mr. Gardner by 22 points. On Tuesday evening Mr. Gardner defeated Mr. Barretto by 40 points which put the Defence Corps in front. Then Mr. Ritchie (H.K.D.C.) and Mr. Rosario contested the 250 up. Ritchie lost heavily only scoring 101. Rosario scored most consistently, a large number of breaks in the vicinity of 20 helping him along in jumps. Last night the two last games were played, the Police Reserve holding a lead of 145 points. The first pair were Mr. Parkes of the Defence Corps and Mr. Remedios. Parkes won by 45 points, although Remedios did better in the way of breaks making nice contributions of 32 and 24. With the lead reduced to 100 the result was still pretty certain for the Police Reserve. Mr. Leach and Mr. Yvanovitch were the final pair and Leach suffered a heavy defeat. He scored only 112 but it must be said that what luck there was was all on the side of his opponent. Yvanovitch played finely, a break of 41 being punctuated by a fluke in the middle. He scored others of 29 and 26, finally winning his game by a margin of 138. The Police Reserve thus win the cup for the second year in succession.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

The billiard trophies were then presented. Captain D.R. Wahl, R.E., Hon. Secretary of the Soldiers' Club said:

Gentlemen: On account of the inability of H.E. the G.O.C. to attend due to a prior engagement, it falls to me to present the prizes for the various billiard tournaments, this evening. I am sorry to say the entries have not been so large as in previous years but we have had some very good billiards.

Captain Wahl then presented the prizes as follows:

Soldiers' Club billiard cup and medals won by No. 2 Co. H.K.P.R. to Crown Sergt. Rosario. Runners-up medals won by "B" Co. Hongkong Defence Corps to Sergt. A. Leach.

Garrison Billiard Cup and medals won by Staff and Departments to Staff Q.M.S. Sherrieff, R.A.S.C. Runners-up medals won by 1st Garr. Bn. Manchester Regt., to Lieut-Colonel Harvey.

Silver Cup presented by Messrs. Bradley and Co., for highest break in the Garrison Cup tournament. Won by C. Q. M. Sergt. Barker, 88th Co. R.G.A., with a break of 46. Billiard Cue and case for 2nd highest break in the same tournament presented by Sergt. Hall, Manchester Regt. Won by Sergt. Bird, Manchester Regt. with a break of 36.

Among the large attendance last night were Lieut-Colonel Harvey, Captain C. H. Goode, and large numbers of the Police Reserve.

Capital arrangements were made for the final, these being under the supervision of Garrison Sergt-Major A. E. Hurle.

The scores of the final follow—
No. 2 Co. H.K.P.R.—

Mr. Guimaraes	250	30
"Gardner	228	14
"Barretto	210	15
"Rosario	250	24
"Remedios	205	32
"Yvanovitch	250	41
Total	1393	

"B" CO. HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Mr. Morgan	192	31
"Jenkins	250	15
"Gardner	250	25
"Ritchie	101	17
"Parkes	250	22
"Leach	112	20
Total	1155	

NAVAL OFFICERS' CLUB v. DOCKYARD R.C.

Last night in the Dockyard Recreation Club this match was concluded, the Dockyard Club scoring a narrow win by 30 points. The best game of the match was put by Surgeon Lieut. Smith, who scored breaks of 56 and 38 defeating his opponent by 125 points. His 56 break was unfortunately ended by losing the white. Surgeon Lieut. Price won rather unexpectedly. He was behind near the end of his game but seized an opportunity and ran out with an unfinished 26. The scores follow:

A. G. Pile	125
W. Botting	250
W. B. Cawsey	250
S. E. Alderman	223
F. W. Black	250
W. Langford	250
Total	1348

HONGKONG POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

There was only just a quorum at the meeting of the Hongkong Poultry Association, held last night at the offices of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master.

Commander Beckwith presided and those present were Messrs. H. B. L. Dowling, B.M.V.R. de Souza, F. Fisher, J. McCarthy, F. H. Dillon, J. C. Wong and B. L. Frost, Hon. Secretary. The Rules of the Association, which were submitted by the Committee appointed for this purpose, were passed after a little discussion. The yearly subscription was fixed at \$5, there being no entrance fee. Subscribers of \$20 and over will be elected life members. Owing to Mr. Longinotto having resigned from the Committee Mr. Dowling was elected to take his place. Mr. Fisher was appointed honorary treasurer. Mr. Dowling reported that if there was any more rain there would be no Gymkhana, and it would be postponed until April 12. The proposal that a show should be held on that date was therefore not feasible and it would have to be postponed until April 29. A challenge cup will be given for competition among the members at the forthcoming show.

Mr. Dillon brought up the question of Brahmin Kites and asked whether or not it would be possible to get the Government to take steps to reduce these birds of prey, which were threatening chicks all over the Island. He reported that he had lost many of his birds by reason of these kites, who perched on trees and swooped down on them. Commander Beckwith stated that Green Island swarmed with them, and he was certain that it was their breeding place, but he found, after he had lost many birds, that the use of nets protecting fowl runs put an end to this. Then followed an interesting discussion in which nearly all those present took part, but no definite scheme for the extermination of these pests was arrived at. The point was mooted that their value as scavengers might offset their mischief.

Then followed a discussion on the best breed of fowls and the question of cross breeding and from the majority of opinions expressed it was very evident that the Leghorns were the most favoured.

Snakes was the next subject to be discussed and it was reported that several members had lost valuable birds owing to these. Mr. Dillon stated that if a goose were kept in the chicken run the hiss of this bird would keep the snakes away. He had tried it very successfully. Then the question of rats came up and Mr. Dillon again came forward with the suggestion that it would be a good thing to train a cat to look after chickens, as no rats would come around if there was a cat about. Commander Beckwith suggested that Hongkong rats could eat up the kitten (laughter).

Mr. Dillon then suggested that the Association should give a few prizes. They paid fees to the Association and when there was a show they would have to pay to go in. It was decided that the Committee should consult with Mr. Gegg as to prizes. The meeting then adjourned.

THE CORONET THEATRE.

Two new pictures were showing at the Coronet last night, one was titled "The Children in the House." It is a sentimental picture, a story of a wicked husband and a loving wife. It is full of incident and well worth seeing. A Harold Lloyd film "Swing Your Partners" caused roars of laughter. This was especially so when Professor Hyland Flying was announced. The Professor is reputed to be able to teach a one-legged man to do the two-step. The British Gazette's Nos. 511 to 515 is still showing and is about the best Gazette seen to date. The musical programme last night was a treat and included some new pieces.

MR. ASQUITH AND THE PREMIER.

Mr. Asquith has sent the following letter to a correspondent: "20, Cavendish-square, W. 1, Feb. 6. Dear Sir—I am not surprised that the unauthorised publication of some private communications, which passed between Mr. Lloyd George and myself in December, 1916, should have created erroneous and misleading impressions. I cannot follow the bad example (which is, I am glad to see, repudiated as strongly by the Prime Minister as by myself) of divulging matters which are still under the seal of confidence. I must, therefore, content myself by saying that the correspondence in question is a fragmentary and quite incomplete version of the transactions which led to a change of Ministry. Yours faithfully, H. H. Asquith."

NAVAL OFFICERS' CLUB.

Surg. Lieut. Smith	250
Mr. Neighbour <td>194</td>	194
Mr. Knight <td>250</td>	250
Surg. Lieut. Price <td>250</td>	250
Eng. Comdr. Jenkins <td>121</td>	121
Surg. Lieut. Cdr. Cockrem <td>192</td>	192
Total	1318

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

"A HONGKONG BED."

The following subscriptions have been received up to date by Mrs. Pollock towards the provision of a "Hongkong Bed" in memory of the Barnardo boys who died in the war, for which object the sum of \$500, to be invested in War Loan, is required.

The Hon. Mr. David Landale	\$100
Mrs. H. Hancock	50
Mr. M. P. Beattie	50
"B" Anonymous	25
Mrs. Newall	25
Mrs. Dowling	25
Mrs. Beavis	25
Mrs. J. Reid	25
Mr. T. F. Hough	25
Mrs. Moxon	20
Mrs. Ormiston	20
Mrs. Shellim	10
"War Bonus"	10
Mrs. Myburgh	5
Already acknowledged	\$415
Total	\$1,128

THE RED CROSS.

"If 'good wine needs no bush,' to advertise it, the Red Cross certainly does not require to blow its own trumpet. Surely everybody knows how usefully it employed the money subscribed. Mr. E. Ralphs has sent us a little circular which, being No. 15, indicates that the administrators of the British Red Cross Society consider it is advisable to advertise. From it we learn that the 'overhead' expenses (Home management) which doubtless included the cost of this advertising matter, worked out at less than fourpence in the pound sterling, and that even this was offset by interest and a War Office grant.

As the Society has been spending at the rate of £50,000 a week, or \$2 a minute, small administration costs were advisable. By the way, as there are 241,920 minutes in a week, we don't savvy how they arrived at those figures. The expenditure in 1917 was £3,672,356, which is considerably less than £50,000 a week. We trust the rest of the figures, dealing with work done and things provided, were more carefully compiled.

PUGILISTIC NOTES.

Teddy O'Neill, the well known forward of the Royal Navy Football Team is still looking for opponents for the light-weight championship of the Colony. O'Neill will be remembered for his fight with Sapper Smith of the Royal Engineers at the North Point Stadium. Also against Stoker Welsh, R.N. at the Headquarters of the Police Reserve. O'Neill says he finds it hard to understand why light-weights and feather-weights in the colony are so slow in coming forward.

Another man whom many would like to see in the ring is Petty Officer McInven, the skipper of the Royal Navy football team. He is good for any light-weight or middle-weight ever likely to come in to box in Hongkong.

A letter was received the other day from Corporal Scott, R.E. Scott was one of the favourite boxers in the Colony and is at present the heavy-weight champion. In his letter he says he has recently fought three contests in France. He won all three and the prizes were: (1) A gold medal, (2) 25 francs worth of provisions, and (3) a medal.

A suggestion to the Police Reserve. Why not an amateur competition for all classes? Plenty of men are sure to come forward. Consensus would like to see more of young Wood of the Naval Yard Police who has put up several good fights. Also M. H. Abbas of the Police Reserve.

LOCAL WEDDING.

The marriage took place yesterday of Mr. W. L. Handyside, M.A., of Queen's College, and Miss Beatrice Kinross, daughter of Mr. A. R. Kinross of the Kowloon Dock Staff. The Rev. Kirk Macdonald conducted the marriage service. Mr. Kinross gave his daughter away, the bride being attended by her sister as bridesmaid. Mr. W. Kay of Queen's College was the best man. During the service Mr. E. J. Chapman rendered music for the occasion. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Hongkong Hotel where the happy couple received congratulations on every hand. Macao and some of the coast ports will be visited during the honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Handyside were the recipients of a large number of presents.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

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CITY HALL WORK PARTY.

During the months of March and February the City Hall Work Party packed the following:

February, 186 Shirts, 215 pairs of Pants, 62 pairs of Pyjamas, 147 Vests, 12 Bed-jackets, 17 Wadded jackets, 12 Small Pillows, 6 Pillow-cases, 30 Food-covers, 20 Scrubbers, 168 Handkerchiefs.

The Wool Department, under Mrs. Alabaster and the Misses Grimble, packed—318 pairs of Socks, 3 pairs of Stockings, 2 pairs of Gloves, 2 pairs of Hospital Stockings, 40 pairs of Knee-caps, 29 Mufflers, 2 Waistcoats, 7 caps, 25 Helms.

These were all sent to the British Red X in Siberia.

For Refugee women and children in France, very kindly forwarded by M. Paul Kremer, Consul General for France—51 Boys' shirts, 110 Infant's vests, 63 Boys' overalls, 49 pairs of Women's knickers, 5 small bonnets, 1 knitted coat, 6 scarves, 10 men's shirts, old, 6 pairs men's trousers, old, 152 Pants, 13 knitted jerseys, 72 Handkerchiefs, 10 Vermilion shirts, Playing-cards, Books.

March, 111 Shirts, 118 Vests, 120 Pants, 78 Pyjamas, 72 Handkerchiefs, 96 Food-covers, 18 Washers, 220 Fly-nets, 11 Pillow-cases.

The Surgical Department, packed, 532 Many-tailed Bandages, 455 Roller Bandages.

A certain number of the March nackings have been held over to answer local military calls, the rest have been sent to the British Red X in Siberia.

Given to 26 men belonging to Knox's Mission, proceeding to Vladivostok—25 Shirts, 26 Vests, 26 pairs of Pants, 26 pairs of Pyjamas, 30 Fly-nets, 60 Handkerchiefs, 60 pairs of Socks, 15 pairs of Knee-caps, 8 Caps, 7 Mufflers.

Towels and soap were given by the War Charities Committee, and the British American Tobacco Co. very kindly added 2 packets of cigarettes to each man's bundle.

The following letter has been received:

8 Civil Lines, Rawalpindi, India. January 29, 1919.

Dear Mrs. Stabb—I am so sorry for having been so long in writing to thank you and the members of your Work Party, for the splendid supply of Red X gifts you sent for this Depot.

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Mrs. Barton unfortunately left the station last Spring, she is a great loss, as she was such an energetic worker. You send her a great many things for the Hospital in Jhelum, (an Indian one), and a good many of your things have already gone to her.

This Depot is to be closed next Spring, so your things have come in very useful, for the many large indentations that are pouring in.

Thanking you all again for your great help and generosity.—Yours sincerely, FLORENCE BUIST.

It is with very great regret that we have to record the resignation of some of our officials, who for various reasons are not able to continue the work for another Summer. At the same time, we extend a very appreciative welcome to those who are replacing them.

Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens has worked with us almost from the very start in 1915, and Mrs. Holloway nearly as long: their places are being taken by Mrs. and Miss Moorhead in the Packing Room, and Mrs. G. E. Stewart and Mrs. Wells in charge of the cupboards.

Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Nicholls have cut out for us from the beginning; we shall miss them very much. Also Mrs. Bowley, Miss Hastings, Mrs. Mitchellmore, Mrs. Ram, and Miss Ventris, to whom we give our best wishes for pleasant journeys.

Mrs. Dewsbury replaces Mrs. Goldsmith as City Hall Treasurer, and Mrs. F. C. Hall is taking over the work done for so long by Miss Graham and Mrs. Franklin, giving out and receiving work on Tuesday mornings.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN CHIEF ENGINEER.

The death occurred last night at St. Paul's Hospital, Causeway Bay, of James Brown McGee, a native of Perth, Scotland, after a long illness as the result of blood poisoning. The poisoning started in his leg as a result of an injury received whilst attending to his duties on his last voyage to Tientsin, on the s.s. *Albatross*, one of Messrs Butterfield and Swire's fleet.

Mr. McGee in March last year completed thirty years service with Messrs Butterfield and Swire, and during the last twelve years had been Chief Engineer. He was very well known in every port of the China coast visited by the Company's ships. He will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends among the seamen, with whom he was very popular. He leaves a widow who has resided in the Colony for many years. The funeral procession will pass the Monument at about 5.15 p.m. this evening and the burial service will be conducted by the Rev. W. Copley Moye.

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TIENSIN	KUMCHOW	April 6, at Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	LIANGCHOW	April 7, at Noon
MANILA, Cebu & LONIA	SHANGHAI	April 8, at Noon
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	April 8, at Noon
SHANGHAI	SUWAI	April 10, at Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOU & TIENSIN	HONGKONG	April 10, at Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	YANGTZE	April 10, at Noon

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	WINGSANG	TUESDAY, April 8, Daylight
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	THURSDAY, April 10, at Noon
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, April 11, at 3 p.m.

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PATROL DUTY.

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square amidships, with the result that the two portions of the latter were actually seen floating past the stern. Thus a very good "bag" of two submarines in the same locality was effected by the vigilance of our Navy and Merchant Marine, in addition to the saving of the transport.

Although it is difficult to draw any comparisons between the crews who manned the German submarines and those who manned our patrolling vessels, it must be acknowledged that the lives of those who carried into effect the orders of the authorities responsible for the unrestricted submarine campaign were beset by many dangers of a very unpleasant type. When attacked there was no question of being able to surrender if they were getting the worst of the combat (as generally did happen), it was death and destruction to all those enclosed within the U boats' steel walls without any possibility of escape once her whereabouts were known to the anti-submarine hunters, and with this possible fate in anticipation it is no wonder that men who had narrowly escaped drowning in their traps from the effect of our depth charges had no desire to court a repetition of the experience. Indeed it is said that the moral effect on them of the explosion of depth charges which were too far away to cause any actual material damage to the vessel was so great that many have been rendered entirely helpless for weeks after.

Taking into consideration the total collapse of the U-boat campaign against us, a nation which is more dependent on "sea-borne commerce for its very existence than any other in the world, it does not seem probable that unrestricted submarine warfare is ever likely to occur again as a means of retaliation by a weaker maritime country against a stronger. This probability rendered almost a certainty by the fact that under no conceivable circumstances can our Navy be called upon in the future to fight such a method of warfare with such odds against it. Even with its present state of development the means of locating a submarine and of destroying it when submerged, we have overcome a gigantic effort on the part of a huge military and industrial empire. In the future the methods of locating and destroying such a vessel will undoubtedly render any hope of eluding surface craft impossible, with a corresponding reduction in the military value of these craft.

PASSPORTS.

The question of the retention of the system of passports, introduced by the necessities of war, will come up for consideration by the Government when peace is signed, says *The Times*. Bound up with it is a matter which excites much public feeling—the policy to be adopted in regard to the admission of enemy aliens.

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passport system must be retained.

Since the armistice, there has been a large increase in the application for passports.

Some are from neutral foreigners who have returned to their own country.

are from British subjects who have emigrated to the Dominions of the United States; and some are from British manufacturers who export eager to go to the Continent for orders.

Passports are issued by a department of the Foreign Office. It is complained that great delay occurs in the case of application through the post.

Occasionally when the official forms have been forwarded and no passport is forthcoming an inquiry as to the cause of the delay brings a letter from the department asking when the application was made and what the passport is intended for, and when this information is again supplied fresh forms are sent to be filled up.

Personal application at the offices of the department, 59, Victoria Street, S.W., entails a long and uncomfortable delay, with the not uncommon result that at the end the applicant is told to call again.

A WARNING TO MOTHERS.

In infantile diarrhoea never give medicine to "soothe" the movement of the bowels except upon the advice of a physician. The right treatment is to cleanse the bowels of the irritating secretions which are the cause of the trouble. Many mothers have found Baby's Own Tablets, the Canadian children's remedy, immensely valuable for this serious malady. For example, Mrs. Geo. Fooks, of St. Thomas, Ontario, says: "My baby was troubled with diarrhoea and was very restless and cross, and got but very little sleep, and I hardly knew what to do for her. I got some Baby's Own Tablets and after using them she could sleep well and her bowels became regular. I am very pleased with the Tablets and think them a fine medicine."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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REFORMING COURT MARTIAL PROCEDURE.

LONDON, March 31st. In the House of Commons, Capt. Guest said that Mr. Justice Darling would preside over the Court Martial Committee, which would include Mr. Horatio Bottomley, M.P., Lord Hugh Cecil, M.P., Major C. Lowther, M.P., Mr. S. Walsh, M.P., Lord Cavan, Sir Felix Cassel, Major-General Childs and Major-General Mellor, to inquire into the laws and rules of procedure regulating courts-martial, both in peacetime and in war time, and make recommendations.

RECALCITRANT WELSH MINERS.

LONDON, March 31st. The South Wales Miners' Conference has rejected the Sankey award, and advised the miners, by a majority of 69 votes, against the acceptance of the recommendation of the Miners' Federation.

ADRIATIC BLOCKADE.

Rome, March 31st. The blockade of the Adriatic ceased at midnight on March 30th.

TEA MARKET.

London, March 31st. The removal of the control on the price of tea yesterday resulted in a much larger supply being marketed. High quality teas are again on sale. China tea sold at 4/- and lower grade teas as low as 2/- per pound.

SILVER MARKET.

Singapore, March 31st. The price of silver is steady at 49 5/16d. Silver is quoted at 49 5/16d. The silver advance is due to the American exchange movement.

TRANSATLANTIC AVIATION.

St. John's (Newfoundland), Mar. 30. The British airmen, Hawke and Grieve, arrived today with a Sopwith aeroplane for a trans-Atlantic flight. They propose to start on April 10th, and hope to reach the British Isles in nineteen hours.

DOMINION VOICE IN EMPIRE RULE.

LONDON, March 31st. In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Imperial Government would consult the Dominion Prime Ministers before they returned home, regarding the most convenient time and method for holding a special Imperial Conference to consider inter-Imperial constitutional relationships.

BRITISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 31st. In the House of Commons, Sir Cecil Harcourt stated that the number of British subjects detained by the Russian Bolshevik Government was not believed to be very large. Replying to the Government's intimation that the Bolshevik leaders would be held personally responsible for maltreatment of British prisoners, Mr. Titchmarsh denied that prisoners were in any way ill-treated.

THE BIRTH-RATE AND MILITARISM.

Statistics of population are not curiosities but important political facts. It is well known that the birth-rate is highest in the least progressive countries, and that a rapid decline set in some years ago in Germany. Bernhardi and other militarists condemned it in the strongest terms. Many of the German newspapers took up the cry, "Central Europe needs children." Professor Wolf said that Russia was adding to her population at a far greater rate than Germany. But the militarists did not have it all their own way. Dr. Alfred Fried said at a meeting:

It is madness to wish to breed and care for human beings in order that in the flower of their youth they may be sent in millions to be slaughtered wholesale by machinery... offered up to a political dogma at the bidding of secret diplomacy. In future the only enemies are those who refuse to believe in the elimination of war; all others are allies.

I suppose few people have read the National Commission's report on the declining birth-rate. The following sentences may be commended to politicians:

The pressure of population in any country brings as a chief historic consequence overflows and migrations, not only for peaceful settlement, but for conquest, and for the subjugation and exploitation of weaker peoples. This always remains a chief cause of international disputes.

Is it not possible that Germany plunged in 1914 before her birth-rate still further declined? Has Professor T. N. Carver, of Harvard, ever been answered when, speaking as an economist, he said:

Foxes think large families among the rabbits highly commendable. Employers who want large supplies of cheap labour, military leaders who want plenty of cheap food for gunpowder, politicians who want plenty of voters, all agree in commending large families and rapid multiplication among the poorer classes.

The population question remains for us all the riddle of the Sphinx. It is no time opinion was ventilated upon it.

FOOTBALL.

THE CLOSING STAGES.

WHO WILL WIN H.K. LEAGUE?

In all probability Saturday will see the end of football for the present season. That is so far as matches with competitive interest in them are concerned. The Hongkong Football Club, the Hongkong F.C. are taking care of. The United Services League shield has been won by the Navy. This they managed by defeating the Club by a single goal last Saturday. The 2nd Division Hongkong League trophy has been won by St. Joseph's College. After the College's defeat last Saturday by the Staff and Departments, they wanted one more point to make sure of the championship. During the week the 3rd Company, R.G.A. have forfeited their remaining matches. As they were due to play St. Joseph's College one match, the two points settle matters. St. Joseph's thus succeed South China Athletic as champions of the 2nd Division. Whether they will continue the lead set by the Chinese and go up into 1st Division football remains to be seen. They have proved themselves good enough. They can play clean, clever football, at all events. Out of 13 league matches this season they have won 11, drawn 1, and lost 1. Their remaining match is against Kowloon, who are keen on defeating the champions.

The only trophy remaining that requires a home is the 1st division Hongkong League cup. Two teams have a chance of winning this, the Navy and the Hongkong F.C. Each team has one match to play, and appropriately enough they have to play together. For seven matches the Navy has 11 points, while for the same number of matches, the Club has 10 points. It will be seen that while a draw will give the Navy the cup, the Club must win outright to secure it. Both teams will play the best players they can. Black is not likely to play for the Club. He will be much missed, especially if it means Reichmann playing at back instead of centre. Perhaps the old Plymouth player can be induced to turn out, although rumour has it he has played his last game in the Colony.

The particulars of matches due to be played, referees, etc., follow:—
1st DIV. HONGKONG LEAGUE.
Hongkong F.C. v. Royal Navy.
On the Club ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. E. W. Wright.
2nd DIV. HONGKONG LEAGUE.
St. Joseph's College v. Kowloon.
On the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Compt. Townsend, R.E.

SELECTED TEAMS.
Navy: Crocker, Crocker, Warren, Biggs, Chapman, Brewer, Farnham, Noel, McEwen, Burton, Travis.
St. Joseph's:—E. Souza; W. Oley, P. Xavier; S. Sepher, S. Marcell, J. Conceicao; R. Umar, E. Moxden, E. R. Hyndman, J. Silva, L. Xavier, Reserve, V. Xavier.
Hongkong F.C.—G. Rodger; T. R. Chusek; J. McCubbin; B. Pascoe; J. Stewart; J. D. Carriere; W. Taylor, A. H. Clark, D. Reichmann, H. McTavish and E. Riis.

COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs. Polishwalla & Kotwall, the cotton and yarn brokers, report yesterday as follows:

Since our last report on the 6th ult. our yarn market has been very dull and the volume of business small, only 2,300 bales are sold at a decline of 85 to 87 per bale.

The present very low rates in Bombay, the news of heavy shipments and the sudden rise in exchange are chiefly responsible for this depressing change.

During the whole of the interval holders have shown much eagerness to sell their stock at tempting rates, but the buyers, in view of above facts and in anticipation of further decline in prices, have entirely refrained from making any spot or forward purchases, hence our market has remained very quiet with a downward tendency and quotations given are purely nominal.

Total sales during this interval amount to 2,300 bales.
Bargains in Chinese lands about 15,000 bales.

Arrivals.—Mail str. Dunera and extra str. Tenahin, Maru, Chinsang, and Tibodan, from Bombay, have brought in 12,300 bales for Hongkong, and 7,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai, 1,700 bales.

Shanghai.—A good demand had prevailed especially in 12s yarn during the previous fortnight but at the close the market is reported to be dull and dropping.

Japanese Yarn.—Moderate business has passed in these spinnings. Quotations and sales are as follows: 800 bales of Nagasaki, No. 20s, at \$270/\$287; 8 Horses, No. 10s, at \$258; 8 Horses, No. 20s, \$269; 1,000 bales of Yellow Joss, No. 20s, at \$273/\$293; Setu, No. 10s, at \$218; Natsu, No. 20s, at \$270; Blue Fish, No. 20s, at \$266.

Baw Cotton.—Bengal no stock. Chinese no new bargains have been put through, but prices have declined 55 per cent. Quotations: Bengal, \$18 to \$17; Chinese, \$4 to \$3.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN APPEAL FOR THE GARRISON.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I should be grateful if you would allow me to make an appeal through your paper. The hot weather will soon be upon us, and cricket, football, and hockey will have done much to brighten the past months, will be finished. Only those who have lived in barracks know how monotonous Army life can be without sport, and it is to help to relieve this that we are now starting a Garrison Tennis League in order to encourage tennis playing, not for the few but for the many. Tennis, however, is an expensive game, and there are already many calls on Army pay, therefore any gifts of surplus rackets and balls, or even a net, will be very welcome, and, if sent to Room 95, Peak Hotel, will be gratefully acknowledged.—Yours truly,

REGINALD A. BUNDLE.
Chaplain to the Forces.
(Hon. Secretary).
Peak Hotel, April 4, 1919.

TOO MANY ENEMIES.

Mai Ping, a coal coolie, was charged, before Mr. Orme this morning with having with another man stolen the sum of \$115 from a marine hawk. The complainant gave evidence as to how the prisoner had come up to him with another man and pretended to search him for opium, and had taken this money from him. He held on to the prisoner but he the prisoner handed the money to the other man who ran away.

In support of his case several witnesses were called all of whom identified the accused as the man with whom the complainant was struggling.

The prisoner was very indignant about the charge and when asked by the Magistrate whether he had anything to say replied that all the witnesses were his enemies and had plotted together to put him in prison. "I am a very respectable married man, and these people are very wicked to try and do me harm," he said. Mr. Orme replied that as he had so many enemies it would be much the best thing for him to leave the Colony, but before doing so he would have to spend six months at hard labour in prison, and before being sent away he would also have to spend four hours in the stocks, as an example to other people.

Mr. Orme complimented the complainant on his behaviour in holding on to the prisoner and informed him that he must never be afraid to hold on to anybody in similar circumstances.

IRRESISTIBLE TEMPTATION.

When a poor Chinese coolie was walking along Queen's Road last night, he saw one of his rich countrymen walk up to a money-changer with a roll of bills in his hand. This sight was much too much for the poor coolie. He spent a few moments reflecting how he would spend it if he had it. From that it seemed a short step to getting it. He thought of snatching it away from the affluent one. He snatched. One of those interfering policemen happened to be near, and the poor coolie's dream was very quickly dispelled. He was charged at the Police Court this morning, and will now have six weeks to dream in, between the intervals of hard labour which he will be called upon to do in connection with his enforced stay in prison.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Bank of Canton is opening a branch at Bangkok.

The s.s. Weisun reached Canton yesterday with 30,000 piculs of rice.

Mr. J. W. Banbury, the manager of the Canton Hospital, caught a burglar yesterday morning. He had the silver all tied up, ready to go.

A party of Chinese merchants is trying to charter from the Cantonese Government the disused gunboat Kwanghai, now lying at Whampoa.

The obscure dispute affecting the Shamen Telegraph Office has now interrupted connection with Hongkong. Private and commercial telegrams from the Shamen (it is said) have to be mailed to Hongkong for transmission.

Mr. J. Hooper of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. is leaving on Tuesday next for England, where he will spend six months leave. Mr. Hooper, who sails on the s.s. Ethelmer, will be away from the Colony for about nine months. His wife and family left for Home about six weeks ago.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

MATCHES UNCERTAIN.

The continual rain during the week make it very doubtful if any cricket will be played to-morrow. Lack of advice from Club secretaries point to the prospect of a blank day. The league is in a most interesting state just now. The Civil Service and R.G.A. each wonder what the other is doing. The Civil Servants are due to play the Manchesters to-morrow. If they survive this obstacle, a very severe one, they have only the University to encounter. At least that is their opinion but as they have also to play the C.R.C., well you never can tell. The C.R.C. might take into their heads to be on top form and then anything might happen. The R.G.A. have 4 matches to play, Royal Engineers, Manchesters, Navy and K.C.C. If they win all these the league is theirs, whatever Civil Service do. But it is a tough proposition to win four matches out of that number. They possibly will meet the Manchesters at full strength, but if to-morrow's league match does not come off on account of the weather, the Civil Service will have an easier thing on later on in the season.

The league match to be played to-morrow (weather permitting) is: Civil Service v. Manchester Rgt. on the Civil Service ground at 2.15.

Probable teams.—
Manchesters.—Lieut. Col. Harvey, Rev. Bundle, Lieut. Cavanagh, Sergt.-Major Keenan, R. Q. M. Sergt. Allan, Sergts. Clarke, Bird and Hall, Corps. Hopkocks and Deakin, and Pte. Walker.

Civil Service.—Hon. Mr. C. Severn, A. E. Wood, B. W. Bradbury, P. T. Lambie, R.E.O. Bird, F. Syme Thomson, H. Strange, C. Sara, F. J. Ling, E. W. Hamilton and W. H. Edmonds.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

SOLDIERS TO SEE PTE. CHAPLIN.

Messrs. Pathe and the Management of the Victoria Theatre are very kindly giving a matinee performance including the now famous picture "Shoulder Arms." The whole theatre is reserved for the services and admission is free. Thus the soldiers of the local garrison will have an opportunity of seeing Charlie put through his recruits drill and how he does it. They had better not emulate Charlie's methods when next on parade.

"UNCLE GREGORY" WILL BE MISSED.

Sergeant Canavan, better known of late as "Uncle Gregory" is leaving for home very shortly. His remarks about being one of the demobilized ones, cleverly introduced into his lines in the performance of "Pinky" yesterday, were very amusing. As a comedian he was always a welcome turn on our local stage and his songs and patter will be missed.

A QUESTION ASKED IN MANY HOMES.

In the text of W. Graham Robertson's "Pinky and the Fairies" Uncle Gregory on the arrival of Molly says to her: "Ha—er—Did you bring the evening paper?"

At last night's show Uncle Gregory took it upon himself, and not without success, to revise certain lines. Here is one. "Ha—er—Did you bring the China Mail?"

HEALTH OF HONGKONG.

The N. C. Daily News says: Records of the early history of Hongkong reveal terrible stories of bad health conditions, and although sanitary matters have ranked high in the legislation of the Colony, conditions are still far from satisfactory. In 1918 there were 13,714 deaths recorded, as against 10,433 in 1917 and 10,558 in 1916. This large increase is attributed in large measure to influenza and cerebrospinal fever, responsible for 405 and 963 deaths respectively. There was, we notice, a marked decrease in small-pox fatalities, but this is counterbalanced by somewhat serious increases in enteric fever, diphtheria and dysentery. There was also a big rise in deaths from plague, and a notable increase in deaths from injuries was due to the lamentable disaster on the Racecourse, which claimed over 600 victims. Deaths from tuberculosis were slightly in advance, and a big increase is evident under the heading of beriberi. Excluding plague, the largest proportionate rise was in pneumonia, a number of deaths from which disease will doubtless be added to the influenza account. It would seem, therefore, that there are worse places than Shanghai to live in, and the southern port has little to offer in comparison of health statistics.

WORLD WAR NO. 2.

BY RICHARD WHITTING.

You see these things better in London, I think, if only because it is the microcosm. Good hap or bad, why go farther afield?

I fall in with a unit of the misery the other day, during our miniature campaign in the snows, an old, old man, as shabby and well battered, I should say, into submission to anything that might happen amiss to him as any professed philosopher of them all.

"Nasty day for walking."

"H'm, yes, though I've seen wuss. It's the distance that does it."

"Tramping to work, I suppose?"

"You've got to—with the Tubes closed."

"Far?"

"Pretty: eight miles in the morning, same back at night; day's work in between. It's the snow that gets into your uppers; that's the trial."

"But when do you get to the shop?"

"Mid-day, I should say."

"No; nine, as usual, and which means out of bed at five, and I think I grudge that more'n anything. You save eight two hours when the Tube's all right. Mustn't grumble, I suppose. Good mornin', sir."

It was an incident of the new Social War, beside which the War of the Nations, just closed, promises to be but a fleabite. Multiply this wayward pilgrim by at least from one to a couple of millions, and you have a rough estimate of the number who suffered with him in that Arctic week. And this in London alone! The women have to come into the reckoning, and even the children—

not all doing their sixteen miles a day, but every one tramping it through snow and slush when one mile would have been a trial worthy of a candidate for the honours of sainthood. How many may still have to pay for that grim outing in lifelong disease; and all because a couple of dealers in the labour market could not come to terms over the exact meaning of half an hour! We must take heed, or the matter may make a moving chapter of some future History of a Rise and Fall. It must be confessed, however, that looking at the intensity of the mischief, and the poverty of head and heart in the contrivers, the historian may find it hard to preserve the dignity of his subject. It may more fitly fall into the hands of some master of the art of sinking in literature, like Swift's man Roger, whose famous "Ode on Guy Fawkes Day" earned him a shilling from his master, and immortality. Thus it ran:

"The day is come—I speak it with great sorrow—

That we were all to have been blown up to-morrow.

Therefore beware of fires and candlelight:

'Tis a cold, frosty morning, and so good-night!

Another of my roadside encounters at the same juncture was a special constable who had just received the official summons to be ready for emergency duty. He was as well set up in appearance as the other was forlorn, and he had no difficulty in making light of the whole; bound to get there in time for lunch. It turned out that in his childhood he had been well coached at his father's knee in the legends of our last great upheaval, the '48 of the old Chartist days. They were all idealists then—middle class, who stood for "the young Queen and old institutions," and the poor, out for the New Jerusalem of the "Five Points," to settle everything. The latter thought they had only to cross the river to Kennington Common, for the last great speeches on the subject, and then wheel their monster petition on its barrow to the House of Commons, and start a new era for the world. They forgot that this involved the recrossing of the river to the House, and that the "Old Duke" of Wellington, the hero of a hundred fights and the first tactician of the age, was in command of

Le Ka So, the accountant of the Quong He Un Grocery Firm, reported to the Police last night that between 9 o'clock on the evening of April 2 and 7 a.m. on April 3, whilst he and four of his 10½s were asleep in the shop, the door was forced open and six men entered. Two of them were armed with revolvers and another two with knives. After telling them all to be quiet, otherwise they would be killed, the robbers gagged and bound him and his 10½s. They then went and took all the money out of the till amounting to \$27 and took away thirty packets of cigarettes of the value of \$1.50. No arrests have been made yet.

the forces of the Crown. The Duke never stirred while they were marching out as far as they liked from the London of wealth and power which was their mark. But when they tried to return they found the bridgeheads bristling with cannon and bayonets, and nothing better before them than the prospect of a night in the streets. They made a show of fight, and some heads were broken by the specials, but that was all. They were glad at last to be filtered out in dribbles over the bridges, and kept on the trickle till they were far beyond the notice of Parliament in both senses of the term. It was the old Duke's crowning victory. He hated civil war so much as some of our species love it, and he was determined that he would never be the one to begin.

"My old dad," said my companion, "was one of the specials who turned up in their thousands that day. His squad garrisoned Somerset House, where he was employed under Government, and they made a night of it. Plenty to eat, drink, and smoke, and he used to say, 'and brand' new mattresses and rugs in the corridors—all at Government expense. Never had such a treat in my life! Sing-song till past midnight—'Banks of Allan Water'—and such-like, all of the good old sort, and 'Chorus, boys' whenever you could squeeze it in. We didn't have any truncheons either—at least there were none served out. It was the moral force that did it. Besides, front of us there was the bear-skins of the Guards in the courtyard."

The only thing that troubled my new and cheery associate, on his way to lunch, was the recent strike of the police—especially strike No. 2. Until he received this shock he had enjoyed, as an inheritance from his parent, a measureless pride in the "best police in the world, sir, bar none." He glowed over its earlier perfections—the regulation of the traffic; the up-lifted hand, mightier than the sword of the Continental variety, to say nothing of the sabre of the Berlinese, pointed in a trice, on the slightest provocation, at the throat of the troublesome customer prostrate at his feet; or the death-dealing "club" of most of the American cities, so unsparring in its ministrations that some of the States are organising a new service, modelled on the counsels of Scotland Yard. In contrast with these he turned with rapture to our honey-tongued guide of the unprotected female, our living Post Office Directory of the puzzled wayfarer of every degree. And this paragon to yield his pride of place to a striker in a scum!

"It is not respectable," he cried; "we are the only country in the world that has kept the policeman in his right place—staffs even shortened to a pocket playing, and tap light with that. See what they get: job for life, if they behave themselves; pensions, lodgings for the married; barracks like gentlemen's houses for the others; billiard tables, pianos, even, and now and then a concert with 'Jolly dogs are we.' As for convalescent homes, go and look at some of their seaside pitches. Don't tell me!"

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. E. Morgan, Administrative-Commandant.

STRENGTH.
No. 128 Lt.-Col. C. L. Howell, No. 948 Spr. W. G. Lawson and No. 205 Spr. J. Momes, Engineer Company, are invalided from the Corps on the recommendation of a Medical Board, dated March 24, 1919.

No. 5 C.S.M. A. J. Mackie, Artillery Company (attached to Hongkong Police)—is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 3.4.19.
No. 811 Gunner T. F. Ford, Artillery Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

No. 784 Pte. H. A. Baxter, Signalling Section, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 1.4.19.

No. 330 Pte. D. Ritchie, "A" Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 3.4.19.

LEAVE.
Lieut. T. G. Weill is granted extension of leave until September, 1919.

Lt.-Col. W. A. Morgan, "B" Coy., is granted two months' leave from 3.5.19.
Comdr. W. E. Douglas, Artillery, is granted eight months' leave from 23.4.19.

Pte. R. E. O. Bird, "D" Coy., is granted eight months' leave from 25.4.19.
Pte. A. D. Gee, M.G. Coy., is granted six months' leave from 23.4.19.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.
Reference Corps Order No. 5, dated 10.1.19, a lecture will be given by the Adjutant at Headquarters on Wednesday, April 9, at 6 p.m.

EQUIPMENT BOARD.
The Board will sit at Headquarters from 5.30 to 6 p.m. on the following dates:—Monday, April 14, Friday, April 26, and Monday, May 5.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Arm strong, J.D.

A meeting of all Officers, W.O.s, and N.C.O.s, will be held at Headquarters on Thursday, 10th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

Orders for Engineer Company, by Captain W. Russell.

PRACTICE RUN, D.E.L.
N.C.O.s and Sappers as detailed by the C.S.M. will parade for duty at Belchers at 9 p.m. on Friday, April 11. Officers on duty: Lieuts. Hall and Marley.

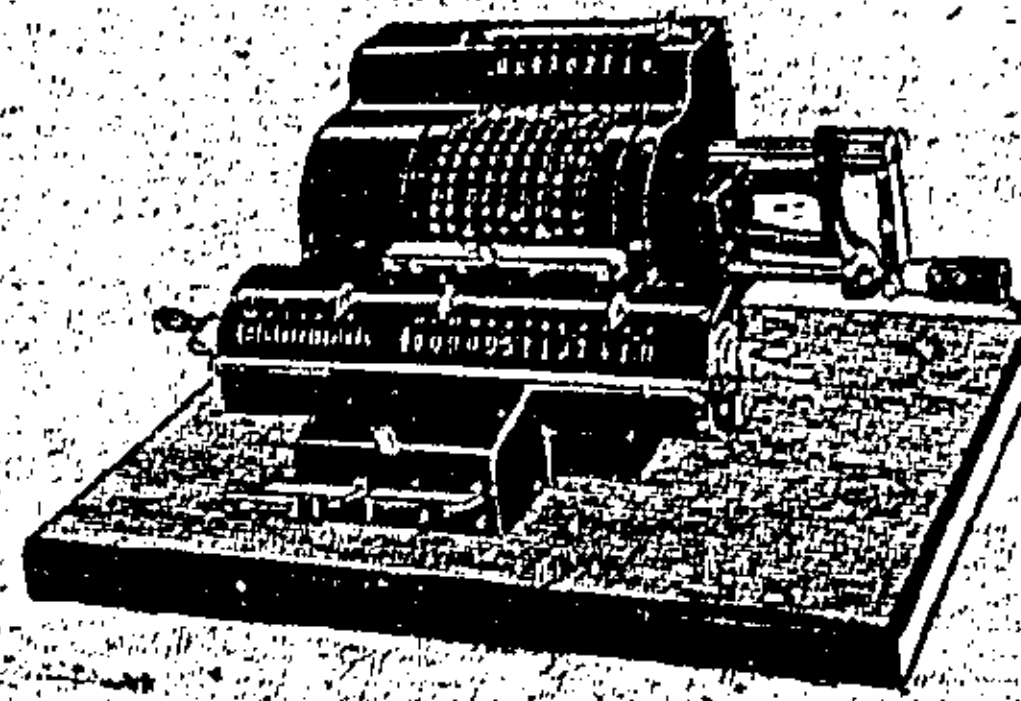
INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS FOR RECRUITS.
Recruits will attend for instruction under R.E. Staff Sergeants at West Fort, Kowloon, on Wednesday, April 8, at 9 p.m. Parade at Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, at 8.45 p.m. Officer on duty: Lieut. Stevenson.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

Monday, April 7.—"A" Company No. 4 Platoon, at Headquarters, T.E.T. at 5.15 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8.—5.15 p.m. "A" Company No. 2 Platoon, at Headquarters, T.E.T. for N.C.O.s. The following will attend:—Sergt. Humphreys, Corps. Walker and MacKichan, and Lt.-Col. Brown. T.E.T. parades will be held on subsequent Tuesdays for N.C.O.s and men of this unit. Further orders will be issued.

SIGNALING SECTION.
Tuesday, April 8.—6.15 p.m. At Headquarters, T.E.T.—Rifles, belts, pouches and dummy cartridges to be carried.
G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, April 4, 1919.

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